

**ORDINANCE REPEALING CITY CODE OF ORDINANCE SECTION 53-297(B)
REGARDING RED LIGHT CAMERA CIVIL PENALTY**

Whereas, Article I Section 4 of the City Charter provides that any fifty registered voters may commence initiative proceedings to propose ordinances to City Council;

Whereas, on July 5, 2016, the City Secretary was presented with a petition signed by at least 50 registered voters entitled "Initiative Photo Red Light/Traffic Enforcement" attached to a Statement ("the Statement");

Whereas, the Statement contains the following text:

"INITIATIVE ...Proposing Ordinance repealing in its entirety subsection 53-297(b) of the City of Corpus Christi Code Ordinances which deals with the imposition of civil penalty for creating dangerous intersections."

Whereas, Article I Section 1 of the City Charter provides that in the case of an initiative, the City Attorney shall draft an ordinance in legal form, consistent with the laws of the State and the United States, incorporating in substance the text submitted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City of Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances, is amended by repealing Section 53-297(b) in its entirety, as shown in the following struck-through text:

Sec. 53-297. - ~~Imposition of civil penalty for~~ Creating dangerous intersections.

- (a) The city council finds and determines that a vehicle that proceeds into an intersection when the traffic control signal for that vehicle's direction of travel is emitting a steady red signal damages the public by endangering motor vehicle operators and pedestrians alike, by decreasing the efficiency of traffic control and traffic flow efforts, by increasing the number of serious accidents to which public safety agencies must respond at the expense of the taxpayers, and is operated in violation of the instructions of that traffic-control signal.
- (b) ~~Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the owner of a motor vehicle is liable for a civil penalty of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) if the motor vehicle proceeds into an intersection at a system location when the traffic control signal for that motor vehicle's direction of travel is emitting a steady red signal, as specified by Texas Transportation Code Section 544.007(d).~~

(Ord. No. 027136, § 1, 1-30-2007; Ord. No. 027399, § 1, 8-28-2007)

SECTION 2. Publication shall be made in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the _____ day of _____, 2016, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Brian Rosas	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lucy Rubio	_____
Michael Hunter	_____	Mark Scott	_____
Chad Magill	_____	Carolyn Vaughn	_____
Colleen McIntyre	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the _____ day of _____, 2016, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Brian Rosas	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lucy Rubio	_____
Michael Hunter	_____	Mark Scott	_____
Chad Magill	_____	Carolyn Vaughn	_____
Colleen McIntyre	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the _____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor